

A Second DIALOGUE, between a FARMER and the CURATE of the Parish.

C. **GOOD**-morrow, Neighbour—I did not see you at Church last Sunday.

F. No, troth! I was better employed.

C. Better employed? How could that be?

F. Why I dined with Lawyer——, and talked over Revolution Matters.

C. Revolution Matters! What do you mean by Revolution Matters?

F. Why all about the Revolution, that happened just a *hundred* Years ago.

C. What do *you* know about the Revolution?

F. Know! I know as much, or perhaps more about it, than you do—I know it was the finest Thing that ever happened to this Kingdom—I know that we are all saved by it—our Liberties and Properties and every Thing else—I know that if it had not been for the Revolution, we should all have been Slaves at this Time, our Wives and Families would have been—nay, I don't know that I should have had any Wife and Family at all—or, that you and I should have had the Privilege of talking together now as we do.

C. Softy, softly, Mr. Higgins, you seem too much inflamed.

F. Inflamed? Why have we not all Reason to be inflamed? Was not King James the greatest Tyrant that ever wore a Crown? Did not he break the Contract between King and People? Violate the Laws, and introduce Popery?—Inflamed indeed! It is enough to inflame any true-born English-man, when he thinks of it, and he ought to be ever on his Guard that the like does not happen again.

C. I trust, my Friend, there is no fear of it.

F. There is always fear—for we want nothing but corrupt Judges and a corrupt Administration, and it will all happen again—why don't you know, that a Judge will, at this very Day, pretend and tell us Jurymen to our Faces, that we do not understand the Law as well as he does, and have nothing to do with any thing but Fact—pretty Doctrine indeed! for, at this rate, we may never speak our Minds, but it will be construed into Treason, and, when the Liberty of the Press is gone, I would not give a Farthing for all our Liberties besides, they will soon follow.

C. Well, but you are not afraid of *Popery*, I hope—I think the papal Power was never at a lower ebb than at present.

F. Perhaps so, but the Gentlemen of your Cloth usurp more Authority than you ought to have; you have no Business with other Men's Consciences, and every Man has a right to think, and serve God as he pleases.

C. What! Would you put down all Establishments?

F. I don't know what you mean by Establishments, but I know that your Church Doors should be set open, that Folks may hear Parsons of all-macks, and then they may follow the Advice of those they like best.

C. Upon my word, you seem to have made great Proficiency in Ecclesiastical, as well as Political Knowledge—but I hope you are a better *Subject*, than you now appear to be a Churchman.

F. I shall be a good Subject, as long as the King behaves as he ought to do—But I know the Powers we, (*the People*) have, if he does not: And I know that we ought to be, and are, the proper judges of his Conduct—It is incumbent upon us therefore, to advise with one another, as often as we conveniently can, and we are much obliged to those independent, patriotic Men, who will take the Trouble of informing us how Things go on above, and giving us the Alarm upon all proper Occasions—We are to have a Meeting for the very Purpose ~~next~~ Week, and celebrate at the same Time the glorious Event of the *Revolution*, when King James was dethroned, and a new King elected in his Room—It is fit all Englishmen should know and assert their Rights, and that the King should know how much he is obliged to us, for electing his Family to sit on the Throne of these Realms.

C. I am sorry to say it, but I must again repeat, that the good Lawyer's Advice has too much inflamed you to be influenced at present by sober Argument; but I will set down a few Hints with my Pencil, upon the back of this Paper I have in my Hand, which you may put into your Pocket, and at some leisure Hour perhaps peruse to better Effect.

Believe me, my Friend, we have little to do at this Day with what passed at the Revolution, and the less the Animosities of those Days are brought to Memory, the better.

There is no Fear but there are wise, and able Men sufficient, in every Branch and Department of State, to protect your Religion, your Laws and Liberties.

Remember you have an excellent King upon the Throne, as true an Englishman as yourself—and, what is not always to be found in Kings, a virtuous and a good Man.

Remember too, that Liberty very soon degenerates into Licentiousness, and that those patriotic Men you speak of, have probably some other End in View, than what they pretend—Look to, and examine them well—and it is odds but you will find some interested Motive which impells them forward—I never like party Distinctions, or party-coloured Cloaths—It is seldom that the Wearers of them, have any other Principles than what they can as easily put on, and pull off—Good Englishmen and good Subjects, stand in no Need of them.

Beware of Republicanism—and if you must needs call the Revolution to Remembrance, couple it with the dreadful Scenes that preceded it in the same Century, where the Constitution was entirely overturned both in Church and State.

Do not listen with Avidity to the Doctrine of deposing and electing Kings; or, infer more than ought to be, from the Fact continually obtruded upon your Memory, that the Brunswick Family were *elected* to the Throne of these Kingdoms.

That they were elected is certain, but it was by the States of the Realm assembled in Parliament—and it is but fair to add, that the *Inheritance* was thus preserved—for his present Majesty is the undoubted Protestant *Heir* to the Crown of Great-Britain—besides, if you *had* conferred the Favor, it is Insolence to throw it so often in his Teeth, and cancels the Obligation,

If you do accept the Invitation, and meet, as you expect, many true-born Englishmen, to celebrate the glorious Epoch of English Liberty—put this Test to them, and judge of your Companions, by their ready Compliance with it in a flowing Glass.

- 1st. The Constitution in Church and State, as by Law established.
- 2d. Long live, and God preserve, our gracious Sovereign King George III.
- 3d. The Queen, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family.
- 4th. May the Blessings of Peace, Plenty, and Unanimity, for ever flourish in this Land.

These, my Friend, are Toasts which a good Citizen, and loyal Subject will drink upon any Occasion; and, if you should happen to find yourself not disposed to attend the grand Festival in the Town, take Pot-luck with me on that Day, and if I cannot give you a Glass of as good Wine as the Lawyer, I will give you as hearty a Welcome, and as cheerfully and sincerely join with you in the *above*, as the warmest Revolutionist amongst them.